

A Book Review by Professor Halford E. Luccock, Yale University Divinity School. Published in Fellowship, May 1941

LIVING PRAYERFULLY by Kirby Page; Farrar and Rinehart, New York, 504 pages, \$2.00

"The most enthusiastic tribute which could be paid to this latest addition to the series of books for devotion, meditation and inspiration which Kirby Page has created, is also the most scrupulously exact and objective thing that can be said. That is the fact that as the series goes on, the greatest wonder is not at the quantity but in the sustained and enriched quality. That fact is noteworthy in connection with a series of four books, now running to 2000 pages. It was begun in 1932 with Living Creatively, continued in 1934 with Living Triumphant, in 1936 with Living Courageously and now comes the present volume.

"These books, and none more notably than Living Prayerfully, have an unmatched combination of beauty and strength, of quickening for the imagination and emotions, and rugged intellectual content. So many books designed for devotional use are not much more than sentimental reveries tied up with baby ribbon. Kirby Page would not know what to do with baby ribbon. He uses steel hoops to hold his thoughts together.

"The method is substantially that followed so fruitfully in the former volumes. The first hundred pages of the volume are given to the author's own interpretation of the Christian message as it confronts the present world, with particular reference to the sources of spiritual strength and techniques for sustaining the devotional life. This makes a valuable book in itself. The remaining 400 pages are filled with quotations arranged for one hundred days' use, on themes covering the whole range of personal religion and social thinking and action. The peculiar value of these quotations is the result of a conspiracy in which Mr. Page's eye, ear, mind and heart join. His alert eye has covered a wide range of literature, for the most part contemporary; his ear has been sensitive to the sounds and cries of our present world; his mind--a 'tough' one--has brought a vigorous realistic mental quality and his heart has fused the whole collection. Such a book could not be fabricated with scissors and paste. The author has performed the old miracle of Eden and breathed into it till it has become a living soul.

"Notable is the combination of individual and social, both in its thinking and suggestions for action. If, as has been said, 'personal religion without a social gospel is a ghost, and a social gospel without an individual gospel is a corpse' there is neither ghost nor corpse in this book, but life, abundant and contagious."

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, The Methodist Church, Boston, Mass.,
Writes in a Letter to the Author:

"It is embarrassing to me that I have not sent a letter expressing my appreciation of the very wonderful volume entitled "Living Prayerfully." Your work has made a great contribution to the religious life of the nation, and I think no single item is likely to be more significant than this splendid volume.... You have done something that, so far as I know, no one else has done. As a rule, books on prayer are so highly individualistic that the result is a tendency to separate oneself from the fundamental social problems of the day. Books dealing with the social issues so often stress group action that the place of the individual is forgotten and his spiritual development seldom mentioned. This volume takes the individual into the presence of his Creator, does something for his soul, develops spiritual strength, and all for the high purpose of equipping him better to build a society worthy of the name of Christian. I am grateful to you beyond expression."

CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION



HOWARD A COWDEN
PRESIDENT

NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

May 2, 1941

Dear Kirby:

In response to my inquiries about trade-in values for your car at the Range Cooperative Federation, I have received no replies, but instead a request for you as a speaker.

A week ago we received from Iris word that the final and complete break had come, and that Kay had asked her to get a divorce as quickly as possible. It grieves us very much, but as we have all recognized it has been coming for a long time.

I don't know what there is further to say, than this: that Frances and I hope, very, very deeply that

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NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

HOWARD A COWDEN
PRESIDENT

neither you nor Alma, nor yet Kay,
will let these unhappy events
keep us from still being friends.

We want to continue to share your
deepest aspirations, even as we have
grateful acknowledged in the past
all the inspiration and good fellowship
you have shared with us.

Sadly yours,
Merlin.

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Topeka, Kansas

May 2, 1941.

Mr. Kirby Page,
c/o Rev. Ora Houston,
1731 Northwest 38th St.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Kirby:

I am enclosing check in the amount of \$20.00 to supplement the amount which we secured from the Colorado Student Conference. I wish we had been able to get more money for you. Perhaps we will do better next time.

I want to thank you for your contribution to the thinking of our students and to the work in Denver. Personally it was a great joy and inspiration to have fellowship with you again. We were all so happy to have the opportunity of meeting and becoming acquainted with Mrs. Page.

In planning your schedule for next fall, will you write me if you have sometime for schools in the Rocky Mountain Region?

Very sincerely yours,

Carroll
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MRS. SARAH J. SWIFT
124 RUSSELL STREET
WORCESTER, MASS.

May 3/941

Kirby Page

My dear friend

Please forgive me for every day of silence since the arrival of your wonderful book (Old Age and poor eyes are my excuse). I have been reading it to Mrs Hawkes, and we would often stop to proclaim appreciation.

What a joy is now yours! as you think of the many to whom you are giving pleasure when reading the enjoyable pages, especially Prayers. The book is a precious gift, but the enclosed bit may fit into

Thanks to one who has given much time and strength and thought for the uplift of others.

Gratefully yours

Sarah J. Swift

(1846-1941.)

95th year

BELMONT HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH
THIRD STREET AT TERMINO AVENUE - LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

ROYAL H. REISNER
MINISTER

May 3, 1941

Dear Kirby:

You have no doubt heard from other men in our section in regard to the proposed "Retreat".

I was slow in writing as I waited to see some of the out of town fellows in this section.

Dr. Booth has already written to you as to his jammed calendar. With our (Methodists) in the throes of getting ready for Annual Conference and other Spring rush it doesn't look favorable for a June date.

I wish we could arrange it for this is more important than much of what we shall be doing, but it is a matter of trying to get folks together. I hope you can wedge something in for us when you are home again.

With all kind regards and the wish that we might know the reaction you are getting over the country as the ominous drift speeds up, I am

Sincerely,

Royal

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War in 1941 Certain for U.S., Pacifist Leader Predicts Here

The United States' chance of staying out of the war in Europe has been only a ghost ever since the lease-lend bill was passed, and now it is only a matter of time.

That is the message brought here Saturday by a minister-pacifist who has given up the ship as far as staying out of war in 1941 is concerned.

Kirby Page, 50-year-old "social evangelist" and ordained minister in the Christian church, interrupted his trip to a retreat near McLoud long enough to leave here the impressions he has picked up in a speaking tour covering more than 20 states in 14 weeks.

"Week by week, we are moving nearer actual war," he said. "It is no longer a matter for popular decision; war or peace will be handed us from Washington. We can't say whether the formal announcement will come one month or six months from now; personally, I don't think it will be six months."

Popular Desires Confused

"And when we get in, it will not be because so many of the people actually want war. It will be a direct result of confusion. That is the feeling I find as I travel about the country. People are confronted by the paradox of wanting to stay out of war and wanting to help Britain. Confusion is the only possible result."

Page, who spends six months of every year traveling and lecturing and six months writing, is nearing the end of his lecturing "season." In about 10 days he will return to his home near Los Angeles to write his twenty-first book—for his twenty-first year of social evangelism. His hair is thinning and graying, but his blue eyes still have the sparkle of a crusader.

"I've traveled nearly 1,600 miles on my trip," he related, "and I am pleased with the spread and strength of the pacifist movement. But since war seems so inevitable—for the present—I am concentrating on ways of living through the crisis and of preparing for the years after the war."

Guarantees to Pass

The post-war crisis, Page believes, will be marked by social and economic upheaval that "will leave us without the democratic government and our freedoms of assembly and belief that we now enjoy. I believe this to be true regardless of who wins the war—and nobody is going to win it for four or five years at least. After that, the new reconstruction will be a 50-year job."

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Kirby Page

result of conditions, not differences in the people.

"When a country has been the 'bottom dog' and has been kicked around for a long time, little wonder that it turns to even more ruthless tactics when it gets on top. But that only teaches us that at the end of this war we're going to see more ruthlessness than we've ever seen, and that's why pacifists must hold to their convictions even through the most trying times. It's their way of making the best of a terrible situation."

"The people who come through this war—starved and dive-bombed and nerve-wracked—will be a shell-shocked generation. The Christians who hold to the Christian ideal against war must be a vital and steady force of sentiment when the post-war era comes."

After leading discussion groups at the Fellowship of Reconciliation retreat at the Friends' Kickapoo center two miles north of McLoud, Page will return to Oklahoma City for a talk Sunday night in Harding hall at the Shrine auditorium, where his topic will be "What Can Christians Do Now About the World Crisis?"

Monday night he will speak at the Norman forum on the university campus at Norman, projecting "Conditions of a Just and Durable Peace."

Willkie Wants Full Protection Of Aid to Britain

President Assured Backing of Convoy Method If Needed

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(P)—Wendell L. Willkie, saying that the administration's existing sea patrol "is not adequate," declared Saturday "we have got to get the goods delivered to Great Britain."

"The rate of sinkings is so serious that we should protect our cargoes of arms and food to England," the 1940 Republican presidential nominee asserted.

It was reported Willkie had sent word to President Roosevelt that he would support him in any move the chief executive might make to assure the delivery of American goods to Britain. Willkie told reporters:

"If my information is correct, the present patrol method is not adequate to prevent our products from going to the bottom of the ocean."

Willkie asserted that if he were president he would have military, naval and air experts advise him regarding best method of protecting shipments to Britain and then would proceed on their advice.

Convoy Demand Seen

"I am absolutely in favor of delivering the goods," he said, "whether it be by convoy, airplane accompaniment or any other method deemed best."

At the capitol, meantime, there were indications congress would hear increasing demands from some of its members for American convoys.

Senator Guffey (D., Pa.) voiced the first such plea on Thursday, and it was disclosed Saturday that Senator Pepper (D., Fla.) would express similar views in a senate speech Monday.

Willkie, questioned about public reaction to his recent article in Collier's magazine, advocating further help for Britain, asserted:

"I find people are confused and are searching earnestly, hoping that the administration will give them information and leadership."

Light of Facts Wanted

"The people are walking in the dark and they can't find the direction in which to go until they are given the light of facts."

Then, referring to the recent resignation of Charles A. Lindbergh from the air corps and President Roosevelt's decision not to renew the army reserve commission of Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, Willkie said:

"I don't think it contributes to leading the people to get into personal controversies with those of a different viewpoint. I wholly disagree with Colonel Lindbergh, but in the words of Voltaire, 'I do not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.'

"The best way to dissipate any influence Lindbergh might have is not to attack him personally, but to show the fallacy of his position."

Unity Declared Vital

"Likewise, no one has criticized me more of late than has Gen. Hugh Johnson, but I think it exceedingly unfortunate that the failure to reappoint him came at a time when he was critical of the administration's foreign policy and those of us who disagree with his viewpoint."

Willkie asserted that "nothing would delight Hitler more" than to see the American people "fall into the use of violent language about each other."

He added:

"I am so firmly convinced that our foreign policy, enunciated by the administration and approved by an overwhelming majority of congress, is so right that we can finally convince all Americans of its wisdom. Certainly we can if we keep the channels of public discussion free and clogged with the bitterness of personal recrimination."

"National unity is so all-important that I do not want to see people minds closed and diverted by inflammatory discussion and the use of personalities."

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May 5, 1941

Dr. Kirby Page
Sapota Drive
La Habra Heights, Calif.

Dear Friend:

Our Institute plans are rapidly taking shape. You will be interested to know that definite arrangements have been completed to have Samuel Guy Inman, Karl Scholz, Bertram Pickard, Raymond Wilson, Harold B. Fay, Earl Cranston and Han Yu-Shan on our staff. There is one more position to be filled. Have you ever known anything about Martin Hall as a lecturer?

I am writing especially to say, however, that it appears that your part in the Institute will begin Monday, June 30 if that is satisfactory to you. I had at first thought of having a series of four or five lectures from you, one of which would come at night when we usually have a large audience of townspeople. I am now wondering if we could persuade you to be platform manager for four panel discussions in addition to your lectures. The tentative plan is for two morning panels Thursday and Friday mornings, July 3 and 4, and two evening panels Wednesday and Saturday, July 2 and 5. The following persons would be available for service on these panels Wednesday night the 2nd: Fay, Cranston, Han and Inman. Thursday and Friday mornings add Raymond Wilson to the list. Saturday night the group would be Fay, Wilson, Pickard, Scholz and Inman.

If you could add this responsibility to your work we shall try to dig up an additional \$25, making \$150 as your honorarium. We have found in the past that panels are very popular, particularly when they are well managed, and I am certain that you would be very skillful at this kind of thing.

Very sincerely,


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J. Herschel Coffin
Educational Director

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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LOS ANGELES

May 5, 1941

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra
California

Dear Kirby:

We are confronted with a problem.

Heretofore, when we have visited your home, there have been not more than about thirty present. This time, your fame has spread and in addition to the group that is normally invited, I have had many requests from people who would like to meet you in this informal way. Is it possible that we might take care of a somewhat larger group, on the lawn, or even with more of them sitting on the floor. We shall insist that three or four of the girls help Alma prepare tea. Furthermore, we shall insist on defraying every expense in connection with it. Be perfectly frank in replying, for I do not wish to burden you unduly but I should like to allow your message to reach as large number as is possible.

You probably have been so busy moving around over the country that you have not kept up with two or three of the most recent books. If you have not read Out of the Night, The Soviet Power, Europe in the Spring, and Stanley Jones' most recent work, let me know so that we may bring these along when we meet you at home.

With kindest personal regards to you and Alma, I am

Cordially yours,



William G. Campbell
Associate Professor of Education

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 May. 5th 1941

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Sir -

I rec'd letter of Mar. 6th posted
in N. Y. saying you would be
back about the middle of May &
might be able to address a group
here.

There are from 60 to 95 average
age about 36, they are thinkers
and very much interested in
how to live in these changing
times.

We would so like to have you
before summer vacations
begin if possible.

Please let us know what date
you can come (if you can come)
any except (Weds & Sundays)

We would leave the subj. to you
whatever you would choose
to talk on.

Hoping you can come I am

Very Truly

(Mrs.) Ida Alberta

6124 S. Ocean Blvd.

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Noted Lecturer And Writer To Address Memphians This Week

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MEMPHIS, TENN., TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1941

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'BATTLE OF TENNESSEE' TO BE STAGED IN JUNE

NEXT WEEK . . . THEY REIGN



First 'Y' Drive Report Meeting Proves Most Encouraging To Workers

"Most encouraging" was the description applied following the first "report" meeting of workers in the current campaign to raise funds for the support of the Mississippi Avenue Branch of the YMCA. The drive started Monday, April 30th. The first report meeting was held at 'Y' headquarters, 816 Mississippi Avenue, the following Friday night, May 2. Mr. L.J. Searcy, Community League secretary, is general chairman of the campaign.

Over \$500 in cash was reported by the score or more campaign workers present at the meeting. Their goal is \$1,500. Considered the sum needed to provide for the running expenses of the local YMCA branch.

Something of the spirit of enthusiasm which characterizes the attitude of the forty-five or more prominent Memphians enlisted in

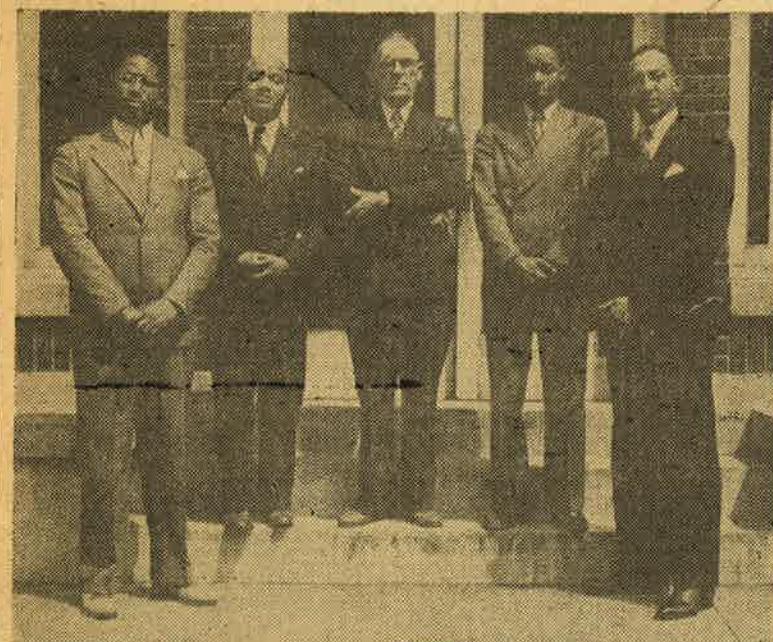
in not less than \$100.00. The person raising the highest amount over \$100 will be awarded a special trophy. Mrs. Walker's and Mr. Searcy's first reports focussed renewed attention on this phase of the campaigners' efforts.

Mr. G. R. Lawrence, executive secretary of the local branch, said prospects of the workers' reaching their \$1500 goal are bright, and that it is widely expected that even more than that amount will be raised.

He disclosed that the Mississippi Avenue branch, although established only at a comparatively recent date, has already 346 paid members on its roster. It is his belief that the membership will be raised to more than 500 for this year.

The second report meeting will be held Wednesday (tomorrow) night at 'Y' headquarters starting

"INSURANCE BLITZKRIEG" LEADERS



77,000 To Take Part In Games

America's first war game, the prelude to a series of larger maneuvers, will be staged from June 2 to June 28 in Central Tennessee when four army divisions totalling 77,000 officers and men put into actual application, the training lesson during the past weeks.

Lieutenant General Ben Lear, commanding the forces of the Second Tactical Army, announced that the first echelon of his Headquarters Staff would leave for the new field headquarters in the Manchester, Tennessee High School on May 12. Additional sections of the General Staff will follow until the Memphis headquarters will consist of only a rear echelon of several officers and

maneuvers. This division commanded by Major General Henry D. Russell, consists of the National Guard from North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. The Second Armored Division from Fort Benning, Georgia, commanded by Major General Charles L. Scott, will complete the personnel for the maneuvers.

The War Games get under way on June 2 and will continue night and day until June 28. The schedule for the 26-day war games is a 24-hour schedule with plenty of night problems. Practically every minute of available time during the entire period will be devoted to giving the soldiers a taste of what real defense may be like. For many of these soldiers, it will be their first real experience on a scale comparable to this.

Leaders in the unique business campaign launched jointly by the colored insurance offices of Memphis, who began their "Insurance Blitzkrieg" drive yesterday, and timed it to coincide with the current celebration of National Negro Insurance Week. They are (left to right): "Major Generals" William Adkins, in charge of the

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Dr. Kirby Page To Address Both Races In Series Of Talks

The citizens of Memphis, white and colored, will have the privilege of listening to one of America's greatest religious leaders, Wednesday (tomorrow) night, May 7, when Dr. Kirby Page, nationally-known author and Christian "social evangelist," will speak in Memphis three times during this week.

The principal address will be given at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at First Methodist Church, Second and Poplar Streets, of which Dr. Joseph A. Smith, a member of the Memphis Inter-Racial Commission, is pastor.

The occasion will be the regular prayer meeting service of the church, but Mr. Smith is inviting the general public to come and hear this prominent Christian leader. The meeting will be open to people of both races. It will be under the sponsorship of the First Methodist Church and the local chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Dr. Page will address a meeting of students at Memphis State College in the afternoon, and will be the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Fellowship of Reconciliation of the LeMoyne College campus at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening.

The general theme of his three talks will be: "What price must be paid for the preservation of Amer-

ican Democracy?" His topic at Memphis State Teachers College will be "What are the chief weaknesses and major enemies of American Democracy?" His dinner meeting topic at LeMoyne will be "Christianity's answer to Totalitarianism." At the public meeting in the evening at the First Methodist Church, he will speak on "How we Defend American Democracy."

There will be an open forum period of discussion at each of the three meetings.

Dr. Page is from La Habra, California. He is a national vice chairman of the Fellowship of Reconciliation; one of America's most active peace advocates. He is the author of a great many books on Christianity and social problems, the latest two being "How to Keep America Out of War," (1939), and "Living Prayerfully" (1941).

He is an ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ. He has travelled extensively in Europe and Asia with Sherwood Eddy in evangelistic work, and doing YMCA work.

He was a featured speaker in Memphis in 1935 at the Southern Methodist Youth Conference here them, and spoke at Trinity Methodist Church in November, 1939.

Birthday Festival Sale Sponsored By Federal Credit Clothiers

The 45th birthday Sale of Federal Credit Clothiers, 132 South Main Street, one of the city's most popular clothing stores, got underway with a bang last week, with price-smashing announcements calculated to quicken the hearts of all classes of Memphians.

The store's management emphasized the concern's long-standing policy of "no money down, wear while you pay, charge it today" for the gala Birthday Festival now going on.

Every department of the store has been stocked up with fresh, new merchandise priced at a frac-

tion of its true worth. You save on anything you buy, says the announcement. Federal Credit Clothiers' credit terms are easier than ever.

A large newspaper size announcement issued by the store blazons in upper-case print the following: "You can actually buy for NO MONEY DOWN during this great Birthday celebration. You don't need cash . . . your credit is as good as cash. Arrange your own terms . . . to suit your convenience. Pay little by little, while you wear and enjoy your clothes.

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maneuvers are as follows: the Fifth Division, from Fort Custer, Michigan; a regular army division commanded by Major General Joseph M. Cummins and the 27th Division, New York National Guard Units from Fort McClellan, Alabama, commanded by Major General William N. Haskell. The 30th Division, a part of the First Army, will also participate in the

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Local Insurance Companies Stage 'Business Blitz' For Nat'l Insurance

Yesterday (Monday), marked the opening of one of the most unique ventures even presented by the colored business men of Memphis and the Mid-South, when National Negro Insurance Week opened here with an "Insurance Blitzkrieg", calculated to produce not only renewed interest in this field of enterprise occupied by Negroes, but also to bring an unprecedented volume of business to all four of the leading colored insurance companies doing business in Memphis and vicinity.

Four "Armies", Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western (consisting of the agents of the Atlanta Life, North Carolina Mutual Life, Union Protective Life Insurance Company) took the field yesterday morning in a campaign to write at least \$500 of industrial policies and \$150,000 in ordinary policies among the citizens of Memphis and vicinity in one week's time.

The unique plan for thus publicizing Negro business and at the same time producing new business in the largest business in the largest business field engaged in by Negroes, was conceived by Lt. George W. Lee, District manager of the Atlanta Life. Mr. Lee tried out the idea on a smaller scale with the agents of his own company in a surprise series of "one day business blitz" campaigns, which produced startling results. He passed the idea on the other local offices where it was immediately accepted, and plans made to make it a week's business drive in commemoration of National Negro Insurance Week, which is being observed by colored companies throughout the nation.

Details of the campaign were worked out last week. Leading representatives of local companies and offices were present. Immediate praise was forthcoming from the public in many quarters when it was announced that the four companies had done the unusual, and were announcing their plan of showing to the world the spectacle of Negro business mer-

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By invitation of the Ministerial Association

Kirby Page

great student of World Peace
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Keep America Out Of War

2 p. m. SHOULD AMERICAN CHRISTIANS TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST HITLER AND STALIN? followed by a question period.

This will be the program for the Annual Dinner Meeting of the County Federation of Church Women. Dinner is 50c at 1 p. m. Tickets from your chairman or Mrs. Hook, 55052.

6:45 p. m. YOUTH IN AN AGE OF SOCIAL UPHEAVAL.

Supper at 6, in charge of the County Youth Council. Tickets are 35c from John Fouts or Ruth Anderson.

8 p. m. HOW TO KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR.

Followed by a question period, in the Central Church Auditorium.

You are urged to attend all three sessions

Dr. Page will ~~also~~ speak at 4, in the Faculty Lounge
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COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE
El Monte Civic Auditorium
Sunday, May 8, 1941

2:30 P. M.

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Processional

Hymn—"How Firm a Foundation"

Invocation and Lord's Prayer—Rev. Samuel F. Pugh

Scripture—Matt. 5:1-17—Rev. Elmer Borr

Offering

Announcements

Solo, "Ava Maria" (Gounod)—Alice Corbeil

Violin Obbligato—Shirley Hayman

Piano Accompaniment—Marilyn Hayman

Message, "Exploring New Frontiers"—Dr. Kirby Page

"America" (Last Stanza)

Benediction—Rev. D. F. Barnett

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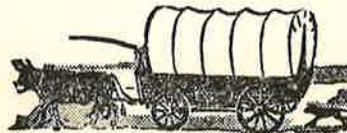
"HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
'Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand.
When thro' the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee thy trials to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
When thro' fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flames shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine." Amen.

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"AMERICA" (Last Stanza)

Our fathers' God! to Thee, Author of Liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.



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May 8, 1941

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Mr. Kirby Page
Post Office Box 247
LaHabra, California

Dear Mr. Page,

We are giving you a special invitation to come to North Manchester for one of your spiritual life conferences during October or November.

As soon as possible give us some idea as to the date and any other details we should have. I hope we may have a favorable reply soon as we are working on our next years program.

Sincerely yours,

H. L. Hartsough.

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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

May 8, 1941

Dr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

At its next meeting - on May 27 - the Fellowship of Pacifist Ministers will be asked to say whether they feel able to sponsor a spiritual retreat in or near Chicago on the dates you mention. I shall then communicate with you again. Meanwhile, all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ernest F. Tittle".

1425 Snyder Avenue
Philadelphia, Penna.
May 11, 1941

Dear Kirby Page,

Your letter of January 23rd was most encouraging, and I do appreciate your taking the time to write. Tonight I am on hostess duty in the dormitory, which gives a bit of ^{time} to get caught up on letters. The enclosed Easter letter is a bit untimely, but does give a bit of news about my plans, so am enclosing it anyway. The mimeographed letters were all ready to address two weeks before mailing time, but I had been asked to write the script and take the kodachrome pictures for a set of slides to tell of the work of our Christian Center just three weeks before they were to be shown to the Board of Managers. This was just the day before I was to leave for New York, so it was a night and day job added to my regular duties. Working with an unfamiliar camera and using color for the first time was strenuous, but grand experience. The results seem to be satisfactory, so my "last will and testament" to B.I. will be used by the Field Secretary to win new friends for the work here.

There have been some tensions here because of rather aggressive attitudes on the part of a few members of the staff, but my decision having been made has kept me feeling completely relaxed. Though I wish my successor had been chosen so that I could explain some of the details involved and might show her some of the short cuts I have learned in the four years here, I am trying to leave everything in as good condition as possible and am trying to work out a schedule to guide her, whoever she may be.

Some new developments have added further confidence in the rightness of my decision. I have been appointed as Children's Director at Circle Pines Center in Cloverdale, Mich. for its ten-week season. This, as you may know, is the Middle-States Co-operative camp where the Friends Service Committee has maintained a Work Camp. I spent such a happy week there last summer that this opportunity to serve, have a vacation and gain economically all at the same time appeals to me deeply. Later in the same week word came from Northwestern that I have been awarded a full-tuition scholarship for next year.

Furthermore, I have been wanting to study some phase of family religion and the Christian education of children. Our

Winnetka Church has this year started a unique plan of church and home working together which may become the basis of research for my dissertation.

Life has given me so many breaks that I feel a tremendous responsibility to society!

Am enclosing an article of Daddy's which will perhaps be of interest. Mother thought it wouldn't be accepted. Since it was perhaps there is some hope for Rotary.

We do hope to see you next year!

Thanks again for your very real help in my facing a critical problem. It is difficult to express adequately in words what your suggestions have meant and continue to mean in my personal living.

Sincerely yours,

Elyahite

5468 Woodlawn Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois,
May 13, 1941.

Mr. Kirby Page,
La Habra,
California.

Dear Kirby:

I know you will be interested in the enclosed statement which I have just turned in to my local Draft Board. I fully realize the implications of my stand and statement, but after the hardest thinking of which I have been capable I can see no other alternative. I hope that you will let me have the benefit of any comments and suggestions which you have to make. The inspiration of your life and your philosophy of living have been one of the decisive forces which enabled me to snap out of the routine rut of custom and made me some thinking for myself. Polly has given and is giving me the fullest support of her inspiration and thinking in any of the consequences that may follow this stand. To be separated from her and the obviously constructive work that I am attempting to do in the peace movement is going to be a terrific price to pay if I am called upon to do so. However, for better or for worse I can do no more nor less.

Sincerely yours,

Ken Cuthbertson

KC:PK

McPherson College
McPherson, Kansas
May 13, 1941.

Kirby Page
La Habra, California.

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Dear Mr. Page:

The books came through in fine shape, and we are happy to be able to send a check for them so soon.

It was a pleasure to have you on our campus and I am sure you spoke many words of wisdom which will remain long in the minds of some of the students. Your encouragement to those of us of like mind has meant much to some of us, and in the days to come will become increasingly more meaningful.

Hoping you may long continue in the work you are doing;

Sincerely,

Leland Nelson

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tion of being partial or subservient to either class and it would be more than unfortunate if it should merit that reputation." It then urged that the churches "make a special effort to enlist employers and employees as this personal contact under Christian influence will help to cultivate a more sympathetic understanding." That section was probably written by a preacher.

The message commended trends toward government aid to social security but warned "lest we become hardened to appeals" since there are causes "like China relief which the church cannot ignore." The section on missions was disappointing. The nearest that its appeal for support of missions got to the Christian missionary dynamic was this: "With the awakening of the Orient it is imperative that we do everything within our power to permeate it with a Christian spirit. It would be a serious thing if the Orient, unless permeated with a Christian spirit, should become aroused to the possibilities of its strength." It urged that Japanese Christians "be made to feel that they have our sympathy and help."

Danger of Disunion

Other sections of the message concerned liquor, gambling, Christian homes, education in church and college, evangelism, ministerial training. It ended with a discussion of Christian unity, the cause above all others which this denomination once believed it is historically destined to serve. Today it isn't sure. It is a measure of the sense of frustration under which its leaders labor that this section, instead of reporting contributions made toward union, was taken up with a plea that the denomination itself might not divide. It has however discovered a basis for common action which it presents as follows: "It is not a question as to which communion shall become strongest, or which theological view shall prevail, but whether Christianity shall prevail. No communion can do the task alone. The need of the world calls for the closest cooperation . . . in local situations, in the Federal Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches."

The Communion Service

To this correspondent, himself a Disciple, the loftiest hour of this annual fellowship is the service of holy communion. Sunday afternoon over 10,000 Christian people filed silently into the vast convention hall. The service was very simple. Two or three hymns, the ancient words of the first communion, a litany of prayer in which the alternation of responses rolled like the surging and retreat of ocean surf, then the breaking of the bread, the sharing of the wine. With an offering of love for the care of aged ministers and the benediction the people silently left. That was all. There was nothing else—except the Presence.

HAROLD E. FEY.

Clergyman Appointed to Mediation Board

Lauding Henry Hitt Crane as a clergyman who had shown unusual "interest in labor," Gov. Murray D. Van Wagoner appointed the pastor of the Detroit Central Methodist Church as a member of a special board to mediate the General Motors-U.A.W. dispute.

Kirby Page Warns Of Dictatorship

Says All Present Evils Will Be Aggravated If U. S. Enters War—Pastor Marks 50-Year Ministry

(Correspondence from Colorado)

DENVER, May 5.—Kirby Page has just visited Denver and been heard by many groups with his realistic addresses, all boiling down to the same warning: "The house of Western civilization is burning down." He argued that present policies and tendencies will take the nation into war, from which we will get only evils. "Out of the war we will get aggravation of every evil we now have. We shall have more dictatorship after the war than we now have. The economic and political consequences will determine whether democratic or totalitarian policies will follow. We shall get pestilence, disease, poverty, broken homes, desperate people who will fight to keep alive." In answer to his question, "What are we going to do?" he said: "We can strengthen the opposition inside the Christian church to this insanity. There is a more substantial company of Christians opposed to war today than for 1,500 years. Fifty per cent of the leading ministers of America are against it. Young people are opposed to it. Keep the Christian church out of this fighting business. Multiply the number of church members who keep their heads. Nations are not under law now, for nationalism is producing anarchy."

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Science Can Salvage The World

O. R. Sweeney, professor and head of the chemical engineering department of Iowa State College, is reported as assuring his Denver audiences that a group of scientists in the United States, given the go signal by the government, can build and put into operation a defense which will bring a speedy end to the Second World War and provide a program whereby humanity may face a future of progress and security. He amplified by saying: "Of course, to make an effective start in this program we must turn a deaf ear to hysteria and emotionalism and demonstrate that there are more merciful means of conquest than by the use of highly incendiary explosives. If we have the scientific facts, we can promulgate a law which will make repetition impossible. Then we must start to rebuild. First responsibility will be to decentralize populations and industry. Mankind, if it must come into the city, should have its fun in puffs. Meantime there must be work, work, work. Right now we have the opportunity of a lifetime to work out a plan to rid cities of their black spots. To hasten this day, to bring a quick end to war, scientists should be given a chance by government to produce weapons more potent even than the bombs now being dropped on helpless populations."

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Declares India Supports Britain in the War

Sir Malik Firoz, high commissioner for

India, says that if England should fall his country would suffer a similar fate. But hear his words on his visit to Denver: "On occasions, now historic, members of the far-flung British family have been restless, resentful, even at times threatening. But when, as in the present, the fate, even the life of Mother England is in jeopardy, that family has but one thought—to help to the limit of loyalty and ability. So India, realizing what it would mean to be under the heel of the Axis rulers, joins forces with England in the battle for human freedom. India is concerned with the continuance of democracy as an agency of protection of men who love liberty."

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Boys' Town for Denver

The Boys' Industrial School of Colorado, located at Golden, is almost a perfect example of how not to do it. One leader after another, with second-rate political ability, has failed. So glaring has been its failure that recent announcement has been made of the beginning of Boys' Town at Camp Newton, a summer camp of Grace Community Church. The fine leadership of Rev. Edgar M. Wahlberg is seen in this, while associated with him are citizens of the community of social vision and incidentally some financial resources. The Industrial School has a better chance in that Harry W. Bundy, widely experienced in Boy Scout and De Molay leadership, becomes the new head. At last we have ability, understanding and freedom from political expediencies.

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At One Task 50 Years

That is a long time for any person at any one job. Such is the tenure of the ministry of Joshua Gravett, pastor of Galilee Baptist Church. The men who occupied other Denver pulpits when he arrived are all gone, though we have had some long ministries here. He carries on today with as fruitful results as ever. His friends of his own and every denomination seek to do him honor on this historic occasion.

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Newspapers Disagree as to Wheeler Crowd

When Senator Wheeler visited Denver those who wished to hear him surpassed all anticipations, so a few thousand were turned away. Now that Senator Nye is to come May 13, plans are being made for a great hearing. The *Chicago Daily News* under date of April 18 so garbled the figures as to the Wheeler meeting that the *Rocky Mountain News* remarked, "Those who undertake to speak for publisher Frank Knox during his absence as secretary of the navy evidently do not hesitate to manufacture their own statistics."

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More Harm from the Weak Than the Wicked

Dr. Fred Ingle, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Colorado, spoke earnest but solemn words before his communion in recent state conclave. "There are a few naive souls," he said, "who think the main difficulty with the world consists of the fact that three harsh and cruel dictators roam about seeking whom they may devour. I do not believe it. Let judgment

2614 South 11th - Lincoln, Nebraska
Mother's Day . . . 1941

My dear Kirby —

It was news to us last Monday afternoon when we were told that the grand jury, which indicted me April 30, had set \$4000 property bond as my bail . . . but by that time Joe O'Grady, deputy marshal, had handcuffed me to the steering wheel of his car. By 3 o'clock I had been frisked, fingerprinted, and confined with six other men in the federal "tank" of the Lincoln jail.

The immediate reason for my arrest was my concern for a friend. Verle Spring, Bennet, also a non-Registrant under the draft, and also a Methodist, had visited in our home twice during the winter. Our conversations were simply about Christianity and war. When I returned from Omaha May 3, after a short trip to promote the F.O.R. conference May 17-18, the evening paper reported Verle held on insanity charges filed by his father. Surprised, I phoned Federal Deputy Attorney Hawxby and inquired. He assured me the news was correct, that there was insanity in Verle's family, that a final hearing on the case was scheduled Monday at 2:30. At 2 we went to the courthouse, insanity board office, where the secretary talked with us in a friendly way. Then Verle's brother came in, and so did Hawxby. I introduced them to Lorena. After a short chat, we all decided to go to Bailey's sanitarium for the hearing. We offered Hawxby a ride, but he went with the secretary, while Verle's brother accompanied us. (Hawxby later claimed the hearing was private, tho an informed friend of mine insists all insanity board hearings are public. At any rate, Hawxby was discourteous enuf to let me go to the hospital and there have me taken into custody.)

At the sanitarium door we were met by a doctor who asked my name and said it was a private hearing. I said I was unaware of that and turned to walk to our parked car. A man I had not noticed said, "This is where I arrest you, Leon Thomson." With a quivering arm, O'Grady then walked me to his car for handcuffing. He returned to the hearing for about 10 minutes, then took me to jail. In that period, Rene and I talked it over. She left on an errand. I did not see her again for 23 hours. Joe took me to jail when he came out. Enroute he appeared friendly, showed me the bond, and explained he had intended to arrest me later, but that he happened to be at the hearing and had to nail me. (Note: Verle was committed to the asylum.)

But Joe left the truth untouched, because Hawxby later told my minister, Buxton, that he was irked at my going to the hearing and ordered me picked up. Hawxby thought I wanted a cheap thrill; he seemed unable to see I might have a friendly interest. He also supposed I had attorney and bail all ready in case of arrest, but I had neither. So I became acquainted with two bank robbers, two forgers who lifted a check from the mails, one fellow on the Mann Act, and another for impersonating an officer. We bunked, ate, and talked in the same room for 25 hours until my bail was made by a man I had not even met until late last summer, a retired postman, Mr. Harris.

The moment I was jailed, Rene started the ball rolling thru Hayes, Buxton & Helmsdoerfer. They visited Hawxby, Judge Munger, Commissioner Whitmore, and the clerk, shunting from one to another, until Hawxby gave word to halve my bond. It became clear that officials were politicians and not impartial legalists. My friends then called a meeting, buzzed phones, sought funds, and presently Harris made bond. Interim, I had word from no one. Nobody was permitted to see me until Buxton "got thru" Tuesday noon for a few minutes, and Rene an hour later for 10 min.

I am working on a brief for my case, which is unlikely to arise for a week at least, tho we have not been told. It seems less sure that I will receive justice; an element seems desirous of a pressure trial. This means my utmost effort must be directed toward a relaxed and friendly testimony, especially since I am handling my own case. Briefs and testimony on appeal cases in New York are in my hands, as are hearings of the Senate and House committees on conscription last summer. But I am confining my case to simple discrimination against the objector to compulsory labor. I am consulting with a few attorneys willing to aid privately on material, but who decline to appear in court.

Sincerely,

Loren

Thanks a lot for
the 1000. May
God illumine the
way to the both
of us.

May 19, 1941

Dear Bill:

Alma and I reached home late yesterday afternoon after a really wonderful tour which began on January 25.

We are looking forward to having the group with us on Sunday afternoon. Bring along as many as care to come.

I will be glad to have the various books which you mentioned if it is convenient to bring them along.

With eager anticipation, I am

Cordially yours,

Professor William G. Campbell
Univ. of Southern California
University Park
Los Angeles, Calif.

KP:MK

May 19, 1941

My dear Mrs. Griffiths:

In reply to your letter I am glad indeed to give you permission to use the material from The World Tomorrow.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Warren Griffiths
5815 Drexel Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

KP:MK

SHERWOOD EDDY
52 VANDERBILT AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Telephone: MUrray Hill 9-3668

May 21, 1941

Dear Kirby:

I have received from members of the faculty words of high praise and appreciation after the debate, which seems to have moved the University of Mississippi as they have not been moved this year.

When I was in Cornell recently they were suggesting that we have such a debate there on that sluggish and unawakened campus. I hope you can see your way to do that in one or two places. It forces people to think furiously when they hear two sides of a question stated at the same time.

Ever yours,

Sherwood

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

Shall America Go to War?

These Churchmen Say "No!"

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In America's hour of decision, these Christian leaders are working with all their might to keep America out of war. Now they have volunteered to speak at mass meetings under the auspices of the

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CHECK ONE OR BOTH—CLIP—MAIL TODAY

Rev. Charles F. Boss, Secretary
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740 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill.

I am convening a committee to plan a meeting. We can probably bring together _____ people. Our preference of dates is _____ 1st choice _____ 2nd choice.

Our preference of speakers is _____

(Designate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice.)

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Churchmen's Campaign for Peace Through Mediation

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ALBERT W. PALMER
Chairman

May 21, 1941

My dear Mr. Whipple:

You may be interested in this proposed series of Spiritual Retreats. I am scheduled to be in Berkeley on September 7 and 8. There is a possibility that we could come to Chico on the 9th and 10. I will be grateful if you will talk with interested friends and pass along any suggestions that occur to you.

Cordially yours,

Rev. Lee Whipple
1601 Hemlock
Chico, Calif.

Enc.
KPL:MK

May 21, 1941

My dear Elizabeth:

It was nice to get your letter upon our return home. I am keenly interested in your plans for the future and want to keep in touch with what you are doing.

Alma and I have just returned from a 16 weeks speaking tour through 25 states in our car: from California to Massachusetts, from Colorado and Minnesota to Virginia and Alabama. Six days a week I made addresses and conducted forums for about five hours a day.

The emphasis of my message on this trip was two-fold: how can we live through this terrific storm with spiritual power and with joy, and how can we help rebuild civilization upon the ruins of this war. Much of my time was devoted to the practical steps through which we may deepen our spiritual insight and increase our spiritual power.

The response everywhere along the line was highly encouraging. Indeed, I think I have never received a more satisfying reception than during these weeks. I am deeply impressed with the vitality of inner circles of determined Christians which are springing up all over the country. There is convincing evidence that the religion of Jesus is better understood and more resolutely followed by a wider company of disciples today than at any hour in history.

The new book "Living Prayerfully" is being more favorably received than has been the case with any of my previous books. The reviews have been most encouraging.

We expect to be home now for sixteen weeks. During this period much of my time will be spent in writing. I am planning to write two or three short pamphlets and begin work on a new book dealing with the historic significance of minority groups of Christians. In September my wife and I expect to begin a nation-wide series of regional two-day Spiritual Retreats. We plan to meet with strategic groups of clergymen and other religious workers in some forty centers throughout the nation.

Cordially yours,

Miss Elizabeth McKinney
1425 Snyder Ave.
Philadelphia, Penn.

KP:dk

May 22, 1941

My dear Miss Hartsfield:

You will be interested in this proposed series of Spiritual Retreats. I have written to Dean Haynes and Professor Julian P. Love of the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, and also to Dr. Homer Carpenter.

I will be grateful if you will get in touch with interested persons and see if it seems practicable and desirable to hold one of these Retreats in Louisville. If so, please let me have the information requested on the enclosed sheet because I want to have publicity leaflets printed as soon as possible.

I keenly appreciate your cooperation.

Cordially yours,

Miss Elizabeth Hartsfield
2209 Beeler Street
New Albany, Indiana

Enccl.
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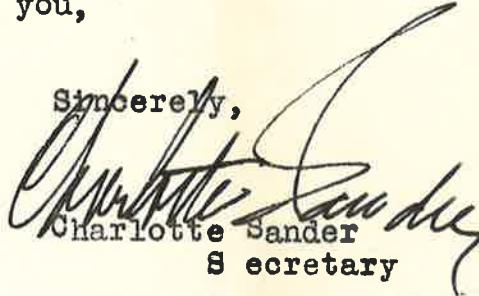
Mr. Kirby Page,
Box 247,
La Habra, California.

Dear Mr. Page:

Dr. Coe is very eager to have you at his Church again and I am wondering whether you may not have a free Sunday for him? I note that you are concentrating on Two-Say Spiritual Retreats, but I hope it may be possible for you to include a Sunday evening in Oak Park in connection with your special schedule.

With best wishes to you,

Sincerely,



Charlotte Sander
Secretary

CS

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

May 22, 1941

Dear Kirby,

When the copy of "Living Prayerfully" arrived
Mrs. Spear took possession of it and I can only now
trust I have been able to borrow it. It is a wonder-
ful collection. I marvel at your assembly of all these
poems, so many of which are new to me, & your
enraging gathering of prose quotations, & your
succes in conquering the dreadful copyright diffi-
culty, and at your spirit of discernment and penetrating
devotion. I shall put foot to my soul from what
you have provided.

You ask me to tell you what I think of it
and how to. But I must be honest, and that

I cannot escape your pacific view. I do not believe that the Bible, Old Testament or New, or the revelation of God in Christ supports the pacific position.

I could not find in your setting forth "fathers" very "any reference to John XVIII, 36 or Mark IX, 42. And the New Testament order would seem to be clear; Heb. VII, 2 and James III, 17.

But you are clear in your mind and know
better the faith of others who differ.

If you have never read "Klein Kampf" through
in the unabridged edition I think you ought to do so.

Ever your friend

R. H. Spear

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May 23, 1941

Mr Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

Enclosed you will find a list of the ministers whom we met at Oxford, Mississippi. I have also included a suggestion which I think maybe you would like to follow-up.

Also included is a statement sent to me by the young man we met at LeMoyne College. He asked that I forward this to you as he did not know your address. Incidentally, you will be interested to hear that his draft board was very considerate. However, he has not been classified yet.

I meant to ask you while we were together where I can get my hands on a copy of your book NATIONAL DEFENSE. We don't have one in the library here and I am not sure where I can get one.

Pretty soon now I will forward to you Oscar Ameringer's book which I am enjoying tremendously. The old boy certainly has a choice sense of humor. Incidentally, I finally figured out the little quotation in the front of the book. That last sentence is, "rising young author at seventy." I am hoping to see him in Washington next week-end.

By this time I hope you and Mrs Page have been able to get a few days of your much needed rest and have settled back down in the "groove." It was certainly was great to have travelled with you from Oklahoma over to Anniston. I appreciate very much your taking me along and hope that I was not

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Kirby Page

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too much trouble.

You will be glad to know that the reactions in Anniston have been very fine. If there is anything I can do to help line up your retreats for next fall, please let me know.

With warmest personal regards to you and Mrs Page, I am

Yours sincerely,

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May 23, 1941

Dear Harold and Laura:

Don Smucker tells me that he talked with you about the possibility of moving the national office of the Fellowship to your Farm. I am enthusiastic about the idea and have written to A.J. and Nevin as per the enclosed carbon. I will be grateful if you will tell me if you think there is anything I can do further to promote the idea. If you have any suggestions which you would like to have me pass along, please let me have them promptly.

Alma and I have just returned from a 16 weeks speaking tour through 25 states in our car; from California to Massachusetts, from Colorado and Minnesota to Virginia and Alabama. On six days per week for about five hours daily I made addresses and conducted forums. The emphasis of my message on this trip was two-fold; how can we live through this terrific storm with spiritual power and joy, and how can we help rebuild civilization upon the ruins of this war. Much of my time was devoted to the practical steps through which we may deepen our spiritual insight and increase our spiritual power.

The response everywhere along the line was highly encouraging. Indeed, I think I have never received a more satisfying reception than during these weeks. I am deeply impressed with the vitality of inner circles of determined Christians which are springing up all over the country. There is convincing evidence that the religion of Jesus is better understood and more resolutely followed by a wider company of disciples today than at any hour in history.

Alma and I had the delightful pleasure of staying with Phil and Peg while we were in Madison.

The new book "Living Prayerfully" is being more favorably received than has been the case with any of my previous books. The reviews have been most encouraging.

We expect to be home now for sixteen weeks. During this period much of my time will be spent in writing. I am planning to write two or three short pamphlets and begin work on a new book dealing with the historic significance of minority groups of Christians.

In September Alma and I expect to begin a nation-wide series of regional two-day Spiritual Retreats. We plan to meet with strategic groups of clergymen and other religious workers in some forty centers throughout the nation. The themes that we will discuss at the retreats include: The Love of God and the Judgment of God, How We Now Take Jesus, The Bases of a Just and Durable Presence of God, Building a Christian Economic Order, Fifty Years, The Meaning of the Cross for Us Today, and Holy Communion.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Gray:

It has just occurred to me that Laura may be wth significant responsibility in relation to the Na^l Fellowship if it seems practicable to move it to both of you would be thinking this over and write possibilities.

Affectionately,

Mrs. and Mrs. Harold S. Gray
1416 Hill Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

May 23, 1941

Dear A. J. and Nevin:

Let me express the conviction that it would be wise to move the national office of the Fellowship to some rural community in the Middle West, possibly to Harold Gray's Saline Valley Farm in Michigan, while retaining an Eastern headquarters in New York City.

I have long been convinced that New York City is not the most appropriate center for our national office. This feeling has deepened during the seven years since our family removed from there. New York City is a highly abnormal urban area and is remote from the currents of life in other sections of America.

Our national office should be rooted in a community where fellowship can be nurtured more effectively among staff members and with residents of a more normal community.

Harold's farm offers an ideal location. A national headquarters here would be (1) rooted in the soil, (2) within an hour of Detroit, (3) easily accessible to vast centers of industrialism, and (4) near to a great state university.

Operating costs and living expenses would be substantially less than in New York City.

Harold has invested a substantial sum in this magnificently equipped farm. The additional amount required for the erection of an office building and houses for staff members could possibly be obtained from members of the Gray family and other sources.

The significance of Harold's cooperative project could be enhanced substantially by the establishment of our national office there. Various new experiments in fellowship could be launched and carried forward.

You will know the best ways of exploring the possibilities of this proposal.

Affectionately,

Mr. A. J. Muste and
Mr. Nevin Sayre
2929 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. KIRBY PAGE invite the F.O.R. Ministers and their Wives to an ALL-DAY MEETING FOR FELLOWSHIP & CONFERENCE on MONDAY, JUNE 2, at their home in La Habra Heights, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

BOTH LUNCHEON AND SUPPER WILL BE SERVED BY MRS. PAGE. We shall pay the pro-rata cost. PLEASE MAIL A POSTCARD INDICATING RESERVATIONS DESIRED FOR LUNCHEON AND FOR SUPPER. (Box 247, La Habra) The reservations should reach her by Saturday.

DIRECTIONS: Take Highway 101; between Whittier & Fullerton, at the 4-corners (where 101 turns south) you are to turn north on Fullerton Road. Proceed about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles & watch for signs. (If lost!!, phone Whittier 81119)

Response, Warren D. Bowman.
Worship and Memorial Service, C. G. Hesse.
Conference Choir.
Sermon, Building With Christ, James H. Elrod.

FRIDAY FORENOON, JUNE 20

SECTIONAL CONFERENCES

7:30- 9:00 Breakfast Conferences.
Men's Work, Fellowship Hall.
R. E. Mohler, presiding.
Men, Ministers, Miracles, Harl L. Russell.

8:00- 9:30 Sectional Conferences.

1. Women's and Children's Work, Church of the Brethren Auditorium.
Burton Metzler, presiding.
Prayer, chairman.
New Books and Materials for Children's Work, 1941-2,
Velma Fasnacht and Ruth Shriver.
Address, The Good Community, J. Welty Le Fever.
Playlet, The Nelson Family Crusades.
La Verne Children's Choir.
2. Young People. Continuation of Seminar Groups (see Thursday forenoon program), College Auditorium.
3. Ministerial, M. R. Zigler, Chairman, Methodist Church.
Theme: Development of Adequate Support for Full Time Ministry.
General Conditions Regarding Pastoral Support, D. D. Funderburg.
Discussion, How to Secure More Satisfactory Support, Galen T. Lehman.
4. Intermediates, First Brethren Church.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

10:00-12:00 Park Auditorium, E. R. Fisher, presiding.
Theme: Our Church in Community Relationships.

1. To Other Church Bodies, Ralph E. White.
2. To Community Agencies (such as Farm Bureau, Co-operatives, Schools, Grange, Y. M., Y. W., Community Chests, Weekday Religious Instruction in Schools, etc.), W. H. Yoder.
3. To the Community at Large (Evangelism, Service to the Needy, Land Ownership, Moral Issues, etc.), Paul K. Brandt. Discussion.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2:00- 4:00 Park Auditorium. M. R. Zigler, presiding.
Worship and Address, The Church in War Time, Kirby Page.
Questions and Discussion.

2:00- 4:00 Intermediates. First Brethren Church.

4:00- 7:30 Friends of Children's Work—Tour over "America's Best City"—Pasadena, California, with fellowship supper following (40c meal). Committee in charge of tour: Mrs. Mary Everhart, Harper Frantz, Gladdys Muir. Lorell Weiss, speaker.

4:20- 5:00 Missionary Presentation, India, College Auditorium.

FRIDAY EVENING

7:00- 9:00 Park Auditorium, Rufus D. Bowman, presiding.
Worship, Directed by Rufus D. Bowman.
Conference Choir.
Conference Sermon, Faith Is the Victory, Moderator, C. Ernest Davis.
Letters and Greetings.
Appointment of Boards and Committees.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 21.

SECTIONAL CONFERENCES

7:30- 9:00 Breakfast Conferences.
Men's Work, Fellowship Hall.
Allen Weldy, presiding.
The Church in These Times, M. Clyde Horst.

8:00- 9:30 Sectional Conferences.

1. Women's Work, Church of the Brethren Auditorium.
Chairman.
Devotionals.
Love Never Faileth, Anna Crumpacker.
The Chinese Church Faces the Storm, Laura Shock.
Music.
Women's Work in Africa, Christine Kulp.
My First Tour, Hazel Landis.
And She Arose, Dr. Laura Cottrell.
Christ Is Changing India, Eliza B. Miller.
Music.
Mission Study Books for 1941-42, Esther Beahm.
2. Young People, College Auditorium.
Chairman, Lester Young.
Reports and Business Session.
Brethren Youth Program, Raymond R. Peters.
3. Ministerial, M. R. Zigler, Chairman, Methodist Church.
Theme: Retirement Plan for Ministers.
Essential Requirements in a Retirement Plan, E. M. Hersch.
Discussion, Proposals for Church of the Brethren, Paul H. Bowman.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

9:45-11:15 Park Auditorium, Edgar Rothrock, presiding.
Theme: Educational Influence.
Brethren Educational Pioneering, D. W. Kurtz.
The Continent Spanned, Gladdys Muir.
The Christian College in Our World, V. F. Schwalm.

11:15-12:00 Bible Hour, Burton Metzler, Park Auditorium.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

2:00- 4:00 Park Auditorium, Mrs. Ross D. Murphy, presiding.
Conference Choir.
Theme: Sharing the Christian Faith.
Speakers, H. Stover Kulp; J. Quinter Miller.
Worship.
Men's and Women's separate envelope offerings.

4:00- 6:00 Young People's Picnic in charge of Southern California B. Y. P. D. Cabinet.

4:00- 6:00 Intermediate Picnic.

4:20- 5:00 Missionary Presentation, Africa, College Auditorium.

5:00 College Dinner, Bonita High School Banquet Room, 75c. Walter F. Dexter, speaker.

5:10- 6:40 Dinner—Ministers and Wives (directed by Pastoral Association), Fellowship Hall.

SATURDAY EVENING

7:00- 7:30 Orgatron Recital, Park Auditorium.

7:00- 9:00 Park Auditorium, sponsored by Young People.
Chairman, Kurtis Naylor.
Theme: Building With Christ.
Worship.
Talks, We Would Build, Ernest Lefever; Strength for the Building, John Long.

At 5 P.M. today the choirs of the city join in their annual "Choir Festival". This sacred concert of unusual beauty and interest will be given in First Friends Church. All are invited. The admission is free.

We welcome Dr. Kirby Page as our speaker tonight. He has just returned from a long lecture tour with Mrs Page as his companion. Both are members of this congregation.

We are happy to have Mrs. Winifred Laurance as our guest organist during Mrs. Hocking's visit to eastern states.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30--Mid-week devotional meeting.

Next Sunday is "Children's Day". Special services will honor our children. It is also the day when we bring an offering for Foreign Missions. The one hope in the world situation today is found in the groups of Christians of goodwill who are the fruit of the missionary endeavor of the past. Let us bring a worthy offering. We hope to have at least \$100.00.

Brother Norris F. Leach, 121 N. 4th St., Montebello, passed away last Sunday morning. Funeral service last Tuesday. Our sympathy to his aged wife and his son, Bert.

Parents of little babies are reminded that we have a well equipped nursery where experienced women will gladly care for the little ones during the worship and Sunday School.

Those who have made pledges to the church budget should pick up their carton of offering envelopes on the table in the foyer.

"Is your name written there?" See the list of all who have underwritten next year's budget with their pledges. It is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

"If you must whisper, whisper a prayer", is a quotation from the weekly bulletin of the Wilshire Church. It refers to the time when one steps into the sanctuary on Sunday morning. We think it a fine suggestion for all our churches.

The Women's Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3, instead of on Thursday, in order that Mrs Goulter, just returned from China might be present to speak.

Young People's Conferences will soon be here. Groups and individuals who expect to help financially should give their contributions to Mrs Connell or to the minister.

Our Hollywood-Beverly Church has the largest subscription list to "World Call" of any church in America, with more than 300. Why can't this church have the largest percent of its members on the subscription rolls? See Mrs Reba Smith. Cost \$1.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Whittier, Calif

W. C. Cheverton, Minister

Sunday, May 25, 1941

Morning---9:30 - 11:30

Children up to and including the Junior Department will have a 2 hour continuous service in their own rooms.

WORSHIP---9:30 (For Adults, Young People and Intermediates)

Prelude, "Song of Joy" (Stebbins) Winifred Laurence
Processional Hymn No. 251, "Holy, Holy, Holy" Dykes
Invocation
Response, "Gloria Patri" Choir & Audience
Scripture (481) and Prayer
Anthem, "O Savior of the World" Goss
Offertory Duet, "I'm a Pilgrim" Johnson
Ida Crum---Wm Starkey
Communion Hymn No. 193, "It Is Well" Bliss

Sermon "**OUR STRONG DEFENSE**" Mr Cheverton
Hymn No. 348, "We Have An Anchor" Kirkpatrick
Benediction
Response, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Naegeli
Postlude, "March du Fete" Barrell

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES, 10:45 - 11:30

Classes for all ages. Everyone is invited to attend.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETINGS, 6:30

Young People Intermediates

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EVENING SERVICE, 7:30

Organ Prelude Winifred Laurance
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MISSIONARIES MEETING UPHEAVALS OF WAR

War with all its problems has brought many upheavals to our missionary work, yet not a retreat has been made. In spite of recent evacuations in China and Japan, not one of our stations has been closed.

Missionaries making the necessary trips to and from such fields as Africa and India brave the dangers of ocean travel without hesitation. They plead that such hazards shall not keep them from their service.

The missionaries who are home on furlough, including the women from China who have recently encountered such harrowing experiences, are giving themselves to the most effective visitation among the churches that we have had in many years. Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Plopper, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Slater, Miss Wenona Wilkinson, Miss Lillian Abbott, Mrs. R. F. Brady, Mrs. W. W. Haskell, Miss Margaret Lawrence, Miss Nancy Fry, Mrs. Edna Gish, Miss Stella Tremaine, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burch, Miss Lyrel Teagarden, Miss Katherine Schutze, and Miss Vincoe Moshrush are in America now.

In Mexico, a refugee pastor from Spain, Mr. Arenales, is filling the pulpit of our church in San Luis Potosi.

Miss Grace Young of China, forced to evacuate, is now working with Dr. Hope Nicholson in our hospital at Bilaspur, India.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, who have had to leave China, are continuing their studies in Baguio of the Philippine Islands in a branch of the College of Chinese Studies now located there. Mrs. J. H. McCallum and her children are at Manila.

Miss Lois Ely is in Shanghai, China, editing bulletins and other publications for the National Christian Council of China. In occupied territory of China remain these missionaries: Mr. O. J. Goulter and Dr. D. S. Corpron at Hefei; Mr. J. H. McCallum, Dr. R. F. Brady and Dr. Searle Bates at Nanking; Mr. W. W. Haskell at Wuhu; and Dr. Alexander Paul at Shanghai. Dr. and Mrs. Lewis S. C. Smythe and Miss Cammie Gray are in West China in unoccupied territory.

S. C. I. DORMITORY NEARING COMPLETION

The new boys' dormitory at Southern Christian Institute is well on its way to completion. In addition to original plans, a bathroom is being built in a two-room hospital section, and the basement is being completely evacuated to provide space for twelve to sixteen work students.

Missionary organizations have given \$15,054.83 toward the dormitory; individuals, \$5,143.85; churches and Sunday schools, \$1,605.91; and from appropriations, \$5,000.00 have been received, a total of \$26,804.59.

RESPONSE TO SERVICE GIFTS OVERWHELMING

The response of missionary women of our churches to the request for service gifts has been overwhelming. Packages containing clothes, hospital supplies and other such items arrive at headquarters of The United Christian Missionary Society on an average of five a day.

In the past year about 950 missionary organizations and other church groups have sent packages. Some groups have sent supplies regularly every few months; 130 boxes, weighing over four tons, have been shipped to Shanghai, and forty-four boxes are now ready for shipment.

REQUEST FOR BRITISH CHURCHES DOUBLED

In February our churches throughout the world observed the annual Brotherhood Dinner. This year a special appeal was made for \$5,000 for the missionary work of our British churches.

\$10,847.14 had been received by April 10, with occasional offerings yet coming in. These offerings are being forwarded to the British churches as fast as they are received.

Reports from the churches indicate the observance was the largest in the history of the brotherhood dinners.

Disciples of Christ have ten laboratory training schools scheduled for the summer with the national staff giving supervision to six. These will be held in eight states. National staff representation will also be given three interdenominational laboratory schools in Missouri and Minnesota.

Twenty-six adult conferences will be held in addition to nine interdenominational conferences of the United Christian Adult Movement.

MANY CASTES ONE IN CHRIST

By H. M. Reynolds, India

WHEN Mrs. Reynolds and I pitch camp in a village of India, we must visit from house to house and do personal work as well as teaching during the day. When we go to a new village we often stay two or three weeks, but after that only about eight days. There are so many villages to be reached, and so few workers for the great task. Often we find relatives of Christians, and many who have been to the mission hospital.

While we work among all castes, we give most of our time to the Satnamis. Most of our Christians have come from that group. One of the men evangelists, Mirshah, was sent to the orphanage at Damoh when he was a little child during the time of the famine. When he finished his work in Damoh, he was married to one of the Mahoba girls and they were sent to the Bible College at Jubbulpore. She came into the Mahoba orphanage at the time of the famine.

Mirshah has a host of relatives. His wife is one of our finest Bible women. They have had eight children and all eight are living. Four are married, and four yet in school. This is a great marvel to the Satnamis for they lose so many of their children before they are five years old. A few days ago we were in a home in which seventeen children had been born, and not one child living.

Another Satnami is Yakub, one of our youngest evangelists. His father became a Christian as a young man. The son was graduated from Bible School three years ago and is doing a splendid work among his own people. Many of his relatives are already in the church. He is working earnestly to bring the others to Christ.

Mitthu Lal is of the shepherd caste, but is from this area, and has relatives in many villages. His father and mother died during the famine. He, too, was educated at Damoh, and then sent to the Bible College at Jubbulpore. He is physically frail, but is always ready to be with us in this difficult and strenuous village work. He has a son in the Police, one daughter just finishing her normal school training, and another who soon will be graduated from Bible School and ready for evangelistic work among women.

Toshni bai, our splendid young Bible woman graduated from Matra Bible Training School, is also from the Satnami caste. She has relatives in many villages and is always happy and proud to claim them. She is yet unmarried which is something they cannot understand as their girls are married in childhood. Her grandfather was baptized in the early days, so she is a third generation Christian. She lives with her widowed mother and the burden of the family is upon her. She carries this task bravely and, with some help from the Mission and friends, is putting her younger brothers and sisters through school.

The three older Bible women represent the three orphanages of early days. Priya bai is from Deoghar, Nimiya bai is from Bilaspur, and Asmani bai is from Mahoba. Deoghar and Mahoba are long since closed, yet their influence lives on in the lives of these women. Bilaspur is now the Burgess Memorial School for Girls, and many of the girls now attending there are daughters of the orphanage girls of many years ago.

Isthir bai, the elderly widow who helps me about the camp, is from the Panka caste. She became a Christian several years ago while in the hospital. Her youngest son has just finished Middle School.

As we work among the people out in these villages, I am more and more impressed at the great difference between them and their Christian relatives. Their ignorance, disease, poverty and superstition are almost past our understanding. It would seem that just seeing a group of Christians would make them want to accept the One who has so changed their relatives. The grip of caste is strong, but we work on in faith, believing that the time will come when these others will be brought into the fold.



Village Women of India

O. K. Armstrong
1307 BENTON AVENUE
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

May 25th, 1941

My dear friend Kirby:

I know you have had a most interesting and profitable trip. I have thought of you and Mrs. Page many times since you left St. Louis. I have been on your trail several times, as at Louisville. I remember that you said you expected to be back home May 24th.

I think things are coming to a crisis soon. I don't know what the president will say on Tuesday next, but it will be momentous, I dare say. I think he is greatly worried over his course, as well he should be.

But I am determined to push along, regardless of whether we get into this war, on my plans for this committee. I have had wonderful response so far. Father Curran of Brooklyn has agreed to represent the Catholic faith on the committee. Mrs. Bradford Abernethy, formerly vice chairman of the Northern Baptist Convention, will serve as chairman of the section devoted to "Religious Freedom." Dean MacLain of the Washington Law School (St. Louis) will serve as chairman of the section devoted to "Mediation and Arbitration." I am asking Oswald Garrison Villiard to serve as chairman of the section "Civil Liberties."

Which one would you like to assist? Fact is, if you would act as chairman of the section "Positive Programs for International Goodwill," you would do the greatest piece of work that I know of. By chairman, I mean, you would simply give some direction to the research, and any contributions toward our thinking on that subject would be turned over to you for reading and inclusion in the study.

Whether we go into the fighting or not, this is the thing that must be done! If you would prefer any other of the topics listed, please let me know. But that last one is, in many respects, the biggest. I plan considerable research on the best programs of all the organizations now engaged in such programs. Do head it up for us! The Federal Council of Churches has a similar project, but there will be no conflict. We can help them. Do write me promptly, and again with my very best wishes, to you and your wife,

cordially yours,

O.K. Armstrong

BIRGER SANDZEN
School of Art
BETHANY COLLEGE
LINDSBORG, KANSAS

May 26, 1941

My dear Mr. Page:

Please accept my most cordial thanks for your exceedingly kind letter and for sending me a copy of your splendid book "Living Prayerfully". It is a beautiful and truly constructive book.

I am sending you as a souvenir of your brief . . . entirely too brief . . . visit to my studio, one of my recent lithographs, "Summer Landscape", which is a motif from the Smoky Hill River south of Lindsborg.

With warm regards

Cordially and gratefully yours
Birger Sandzen

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May 26, 1941

Rev. Kirby Page, D. D.
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LaHabra, California

My dear Kirby:

A thousand "please pardon me" for not answering your letter of the 14th. It got snowed under a lot of mail and it slipped my mind until John Flucke came in to chat about the spiritual retreat. He will write you today or tomorrow to say it will be held at Centenary Methodist Church, 1611 Pine Street and we will get up a Committee to take care of it and a large committee, we hope.

Please forgive me. I am for you in your work.

Sincerely yours,

Clark Walker Cummings,
Executive Secretary

J. MARTIN ENGLAND
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AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION
BHAMO, BURMA

604 16th Street, S.W.
Birmingham, Alabama
May 26, 1941

Dear Kirby Page,

At the recent meeting to organize a local group of the FOR here in Birmingham I remember that Miss Juliette Mather said she hoped you would come to the YWA camp at Ridgecrest sometime.

As a former Southern Baptist who is still interested interested in the witness for peace in that body, I would like to urge you to accept any invitation to speak to any organization affiliated with the denomination when you can possibly do so. I feel this deeply because such hopeful signs are all too rare. At the recent convention here in Birmingham many of the speeches and resolutions were disappointing to one who had been led to hope that the big electric sign on the outside of the auditorium "PEACE ON EARTH", was to be taken seriously inside.

Sincerely, *J. Martin England*

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Mr. Kirby Page
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Dear Kirby:

I keep hearing about the very effective work you have been doing on your recent travels both for the cause of Christian pacifism in general and for the F.O.R. in particular. I spent a few days last week with Constance Rumbough and Tartt Bell. The experience of being with you did a great deal for the latter, and I want to thank you for that too. We have a remarkable group of young men in the Fellowship now, and I am sure that everything we do to encourage and build them up is labor well spent.

Tartt told me about that meeting of you and Sherwood in one of the Southern universities. That must have been an occasion indeed!

Is there any possibility that you can be with us at the Annual F.O.R. Conference, September 5-7, at Lakeside, Ohio, near Sandusky, and at the Retreat preceding the conference, beginning September 1st? I wish you could send me an air-mail reply on that point. It would be good to see you there.

With renewed thanks for your help and my best greetings to Mrs. Page and yourself, I am,

Faithfully yours,

A. J.

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May 26, 1941

Dear Sherwood:

It was nice to get your letter of May 21. We did have a profitable time at Mississippi and I would be glad indeed to repeat this experience if it were practicable. The difficulty is that I expect to be home for sixteen weeks now after the extremely strenuous tour. Then my time will be given almost exclusively to this nation-wide series of Spiritual Retreats. Moreover, by fall it is likely that such a discussion could not be staged because of wartime hysteria.

Nevertheless I am willing indeed to participate if subsequently we can find mutually satisfactory dates.

It was grand to see you again and to have that brief visit with you.

Affectionately yours,

Dr. Sherwood Eddy
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York, New York

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May 27, 1941

125 MARCHESSAULT STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Dr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I am so sorry that again I have to say that I cannot come to your all day meeting for conference and fellowship at your home. This is the period of my Annual Conferences, and I am due to be in the North on that day.

Affectionate greetings from the Bakers to Mrs. Page and you,

Sincerely,



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May 27, 1941

Mrs. Kirby Page,
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Page:

Thanks for your kind note which reached us some time ago. Since your visit here I have been more than swamped with work and trips out of town.

Last week was present at the General Assembly in St. Louis where things went along in their own conventional way.

It was good to have you in our home and to hear Kirby again in his splendidly challenging messages. Quite a number have spoken to me since about his addresses.

Things seem to grow more critical and I suppose anything can happen before the summer is over.

With every best wish from both of us,

Sincerely yours,



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met a lot of new and old friends
Los Angeles

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Dear Kirby, — I too believe

It is good to know that you
are home again after such a
splendid trip. I have I
thought of you and Alva often
and have this last week,
planned to write each day, for
I somehow felt you must be
back in our neighborhood again,

To thank you for the very rich
treasury of beautiful and helpful
material in "Luring Prayerfully."

I am sure it will be a source of
strength to thousands in the
dark days ahead.

Yesterday a little refugee girl
came to live with us for a few
months while her mother has a
needed rest. I plan to stay at
home more than usually do,
while I have two children, but
I would not miss Monday's
meeting. I shall have to return
in the afternoon, because there
is a dinner that evening to honor
Geo Gallagher and we feel that we
should go. I shall try to steal
off quietly so as not to interrupt
the concentration of the group.

With warm greetings to Alice,
Cordially yours and I
at your disposal
Helen Beardsley

WILLIAM G. CAMPBELL
4706 BUD LONG AVENUE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
May 27, 1941

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra
California

Dear Kirby:

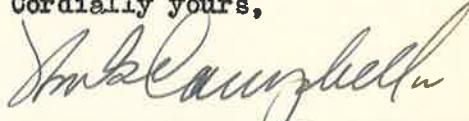
Thanks again for entertaining our group on Sunday afternoon. So many of those who were there have asked that I express again their tremendous pleasure as a result of your presentation and the refreshments.

I think you realize that I would not impose a burden of this type if I did not feel that some real good would come from it. There is no doubt in my mind but that we have sown the seeds that will eventually bear real fruit. These brilliant young people will soon be in positions of responsibility and anything that we can do to shape their thinking as they go through school is really worth while.

After you have had time enough to catch up with your correspondence, work about the place, and have your writing under way, I shall drop by to chat for an hour or two.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,



Associate Professor of Education
University of Southern California

WGC:LW

May 27, 1941

My dear Dr. Speer:

It was kind of you to write as you did about the new book "Living Prayerfully." How I wish that - I could have a long talk with you about the important questions you have raised.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

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May 27, 1941

Dr. Kirby Page,
Box 247,
La Habra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

Ever since being with you during the third week of February at Lynchburg College here in Virginia I have been planning to write for some copies of your last book for sale among my friends. I purchased a copy of LIVING PRAYERFULLY from you at Lynchburg College so will not be interested in the free copy for selling four others. I think I have a sale for three copies. I shall remit according to the enclosure.

Since February I have joined the FOR although not yet certain I understand or can adhere to all its principles. I am certain only that I favor reconciliation as a technique and attitude in solving social tensions. That is a vital part of "my Gospel".

With sincere good wishes to you in all your efforts in our mutual interest, I am

Cordially yours,

William J. Fallis

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LOUIS L. ORTMAYER, Pastor

Glendive, Montana
May 28, 1941

Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Mr. Page:

I have conferred with the other ministers in this community and we are united in our desire to have a Spiritual retreat here in September.

From the dates in your letter for Spokane and Fargo I would conclude that the most favorable time for this vicinity would be Thurs and Friday Sept 25 and 26.

Thank you for keeping us in mind and should you be able to give us a date we will do our best to make it really worth while .

Cordially yours,

Louis L. Ortmayer

CHORLEY WOOD 496.

28th May 1941.

KINGSLEY COLONY,
THE MILL HOUSE,
SARRATT, HERTS.

Dear Friend,

It was a real thrill to receive your book this morning, and I am setting to work on the "Hundred Days". What an interesting piece of work you are doing in preparing it, and how tremendously worth while it is. I felt I must write at once in order to express my appreciation for the book now being written, and for the copy of the one recently published.

What a time Muriel seems to be having! I keep getting news of her progress from herself and others.

I am extraordinarily blessed here with my little family of East End Children, who have been brought here to live in the heart of the country, in peace, while around us is a world at War.

Yours very sincerely,

DORIS LESTER. *D.L.*

(Dictated by Miss Lester, and initialled in her absence).

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May 28, 1941

Dr. Kirby Page
LaHarbra, California

Dear Dr. Page:

I am indebted to Mrs. Lydia Michener, Field Secretary, Institute of International Relations, for her influence in having Dr. David Henley, of Whittier College, make the contact with you about addressing our Memorial Park audience on the afternoon of June 29, 1941.

Be assured that this generous contribution to these civic programs is greatly appreciated. Your suggested subject, "Living Creatively as Civilization Totters" is certainly most meaningful, especially after the "Fireside Chat" last evening that turned out to be the tremendous announcement everybody has feared. We certainly are all going to have to live courageously as well as creatively.

Enclosed please find sample programs and a "Request Sheet".

Very Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Susie L. Hole, Supervisor
Gold Shell Sunday Civic Concerts

NEWS of the CHRISTIAN WORLD

Anglicans Lead in Wartime Devotion

Winnipeg Service of Prayer Is Widely Supported—British Churches Are Aided—Willkie Popular

(Correspondence from Manitoba)

WINNIPEG, May 12.—During the past Lenten season the Anglican Church in Winnipeg issued a "community call to prayer" which brought unusual and unexpected responses because of the quickened sense of spiritual need in the midst of world tragedy. For the six weeks ending on Good Friday, weekday noon services were held in downtown Holy Trinity Church. From the first day worshipers, mostly business people out for lunch, filled the church for a 35-minute devotional service. Common experience was to find the church crowded to the doors awaiting the time of worship.

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Entire Community Joins In Prayers

From the beginning Anglican leaders stressed the services as much more than an Anglican venture. The call to prayer was a call to the community. The ministerial association of Winnipeg gave official support. Six speakers conducted the six successive weeks of service. To inaugurate the series Stephen E. Keller, bishop coadjutor of the diocese of Minnesota, came from the United States. His moving messages made the services memorable from the start. The other five leaders were Canadians: two bishops, Sherman of Calgary, Hallam of Saskatoon; an archdeacon, Gower-Rees of Montreal; a divinity professor, Coggan of Toronto; and a vicar, Nicholson of Toronto, who completed the series.

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Aid British Churches By Raising Fund

Communities throughout Canada recently joined with many communities in the United States in a "Salute to Britain." The Winnipeg salute was featured by an impressive concert in the civic auditorium. Winnipeg citizens from more than 20 nations participated. Norwegians, Netherlands, Czechs, Yugoslavs, Greeks and other groups sang the ancient songs of their peoples, and made the audience colorful with national costumes. They provided to Anglo-Saxons a vivid reminder that although in the present war the fight is largely Britain's, the issue is far more than Britain's. In their kinsfolk and their countrymen they represented millions of men and women who have never seen Canada or Britain, yet whose sole hope of existing save in sheer serfdom lies in British willingness to fight on. The United Church of Canada intends to follow up the "Salute to Britain" by a good-will offering to the British churches, to aid them in carrying on their work throughout the coming

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winter. Fifty thousand dollars has been promised.

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Combine Appeals For War Charities

Last year the national appeals for Canadian auxiliary war services were so numerous as to become self-defeating. Consequently, arrangements were made to have this spring one general appeal for war services corresponding to the autumn appeal for home services in the community chest. The joint campaign is now coming to its conclusion. Six organizations were represented: two which serve Canadian soldiers at home—the Y.W.C.A. and the Independent Order of Daughters of the Empire; four which serve soldiers at home and on the field—the Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus and the Canadian Legion. The combined objective of \$5,500,000 has been oversubscribed by more than \$1,000,000. Manitoba's objective already has been oversubscribed by \$60,000, and more is still coming in from the country.

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Willkie Wanted As Prime Minister

Winnipeg is disappointed that Wendell Willkie was unable to make the proposed visit to our city. On his visit to Toronto Willkie was accorded a welcome unequaled in the city since the visit of the king and queen. The west would have given him a reception equally enthusiastic. During the last November elections Roosevelt undoubtedly had an overwhelming personal following in Canada. Indeed, it is suggested at times that the powerful Canadian sentiment was not without its consequences in the border states. Now, while Roosevelt has lost none of his popularity, Willkie has climbed to a place almost beside him. Canadians believe that his sagacity, his honesty and his courage are doing much to awaken many of his countrymen from their long and very sound sleep. Indeed, many Canadians think that it is rather a pity that the United States cannot loan him to Canada to be our prime minister for a few months.

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Winnipeg Pastor Becomes Seminary Professor

J. W. Clarke, for nine years minister of Knox United Church, Winnipeg, is resigning his charge to go to Chicago. There he will become head of the department of homiletics at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

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And So Forth

J. Richmond Craig is visiting Winnipeg to inspect and review the work of the Goodwill Industries which he founded at the beginning of the depression and which he still controls. During his visit he preached at Westminster United Church and at Grace United Church where he was pastor for a time.

G. Duncan Wilkie, pastor of Chalmers United Church, has been called to Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver.

ERNEST MARSHALL HOWSE.

White Racism Is Aid to Radicals

Minister Says Attitude Creates Communism Among Negroes—South Does Not Want War

(Correspondence from Mississippi)

ABERDEEN, May 14.—"If the American Negro ever goes communist, he will be driven that way by the whites who insist on regarding him as sub-human, and who oppose meetings such as this to promote understanding." So spoke Dr. Marshall Wingfield of First Congregational Church to an interracial meeting in Greenwood Methodist (Negro) Church. "The Memphis Commission on Interracial Cooperation exists to create attitudes of justice and fair play for all Memphians regardless of race," he continued. "Negroes deplore misdeeds of their race more than whites, since whites usually lump all Negroes in one class and interpret the best by the worst. Since both races are destined to live together, they must work together for understanding and good will." These remarks are so unusual in Memphis that they made headlines.

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Who Then Was the Benedict Arnold?

Charles Hale, associate rector of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Memphis, in a publicized sermon denounced "Benedict Arnold Lindbergh." He attacked the colonel as a "disciple of defeatism." Calling for greater faith in God and the church, he also attacked labor, criticized strikers and suggested sending them to Germany. A writer in the press remarked that Benedict Arnold was the original advocate of turning the American army over to England.

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State Leads in Sharecroppers

Mississippi has 125,483 sharecroppers, according to the 1940 census. This is more than any other state. Sharecroppers have declined a third during the decade, only 541,291 being left in 16 states. Mechanized farming and reduced plantation employment have not seriously affected the sharecropping problem. A governor declared a few years ago that the state had no tenant problem, but that simply shows the kind of governor we sometimes elect. Fifty-two Washington county planters recently asked for the removal of food stamps from the county, alleging that their distribution made it hard to get Negroes to work overtime.

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Eddy and Page Stage Debate

Kirby Page and Sherwood Eddy debated over participation in the war at the state university. The press ignored the occasion in general, as well as the even more unusual fact that Sam Franklin, director of the Delta Cooperative Farm at Rochdale, Miss., was allowed to speak on the same

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Mr. Kirby Page
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Dear Kirby:

Thanks first of all for your letter about the idea of moving the National office of the Fellowship to Harold Gray's farm. We have had a similar communication from Don Smucker, and the matter will, of course, have careful consideration at the Council meeting this coming week.

I confess to being as utterly undecided about the matter as I could possibly be. I see the argument for such a move. There are other considerations of administration, nearness to the National offices of other organizations, etcetera, which certainly require careful consideration. I do not know whether the emergency situation into which we are moving even more rapidly after the President's unlimited emergency proclamation constitutes an argument for such a move or for sitting tight where we are!

Stupidly and inexcusably I seem to have lost track of your projected fall itinerary. Will you please send me another copy by air mail?

Affectionately yours,

A. J. Muste

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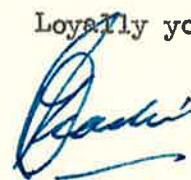
May 30, 1941.

CHARLES R. BELL, JR.
MINISTER

My dear Kirby:

Thank you for the letter received a few days ago. I found that the books had been here all the time and I had simply not known it. I have therefore returned them un-opened to you with my regrets that they were not handled properly here. I cannot tell you how much I appreciated your being here. The messages and fellowship were real blessings for which I and this church will always be grateful to you. May the Grace of God always be on you and the ties of fellowship which make life real in some way hold us all together in these hard but challenging hours. It was wonderful to know you.

Loyally yours,





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OFFICE OF
THE DEAN OF MEN

May 30, 1941

Mr. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, California

Dear Kirby:

I am writing to express to you again our appreciation for your visit. I have had occasion to hear some interesting discussions by our student leaders concerning your and Mr. Eddy's visit. I believe you two made a most helpful contribution to the thinking of our students. We appreciate very much your visit.

Under separate cover I am sending you the books and will enclose check for those that have been sold.

Again thanking you for your and Mrs. Page's visit to us, I am

Sincerely yours,
R. Malcolm Guess
(R. Malcolm Guess)

RMG:j

May 31, 1941

Dear Friends:

Alma and I keenly appreciate the letter which you sent while we were on the long trip. We greatly enjoyed our visit in your home and want to keep in touch with you. Herewith I am enclosing a photograph and the autograph which you requested.

Alma and I have just returned from the 16 weeks speaking tour which took us through 25 states, from California to Massachusetts, from Colorado and Minnesota to Virginia and Alabama. The emphasis of my message on this trip was two-fold: how can we live through this terrific storm with spiritual power and with joy, and how can we help rebuild civilization upon the ruins of this war. Much of my time was devoted to the practical steps through which we may deepen our spiritual insight and increase our spiritual power.

The response everywhere along the line was highly encouraging. Indeed, I think I have never received a more satisfying reception than during these weeks. I am deeply impressed with the vitality of inner circles of determined Christians which are springing up all over the country. There is convincing evidence that the religion of Jesus is better understood and more resolutely followed by a wider company of disciples today than at any hour in history.

The new book "Living Prayerfully" is being more favorably received than has been the case with any of my previous books. The reviews have been most encouraging.

We expect to be home now for sixteen weeks. During this period much of my time will be spent in writing. I am planning to write two or three short pamphlets and begin work on a new book dealing with the historic significance of minority groups of Christians.

In September Alma and I expect to begin a nation-wide series of regional two-day Spiritual Retreats. We plan to meet with strategic groups of clergymen and other religious workers in some forty centers throughout the nation. The themes that we will discuss at the various sessions include: The Love of God and the Judgment of God, How Seriously Must We Now Take Jesus, The Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, Practicing the Presence of God, Building a Christian Economic Order, Looking Ahead Fifty Years, The Meaning of the Cross for Us Today, and Celebration of Holy Communion. Do keep us in touch with what you are doing.

Cordially yours,

Rev. Homer E. Blough
301 South Carroll
Rock Rapids, Iowa

May 31, 1941

My dear Mr. Sandzen:

We were simply overwhelmed when the beautiful lithograph arrived. It will be placed in a position where it can minister to us constantly. You were kind indeed to send it.

We have now settled down to a summer at home. I expect to alternate between hard physical labor and writing. I hope that our paths may cross again soon.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Birger Sandzen
School of Art
Bethany College
Lindsborg, Kansas

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May 31, 1941

My dear Professor George:

Our mutual friend, Tartt Bell, has sent me a copy of your statement before the Draft Board. I am glad indeed to have this and appreciate the position you are taking. In due time tell me how you have been classified.

My wife and I have just returned from a 16 weeks speaking tour through 25 states in our car: from California to Massachusetts, from Colorado and Minnesota to Virginia and Alabama. On six days a week for about five hours daily I made addresses and conducted forums. The emphasis of my message on this trip was two-fold: how can we live through this terrific storm with spiritual power and joy, and how can we help rebuild civilization upon the ruins of this war. Much of my time was devoted to the practical steps through which we may deepen our spiritual insight and increase our spiritual power.

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Cordially yours,

Professor Collins George
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